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August 30, 2012

Mr. John Hybarger, Chairperson Dr. Sandra Aronberg, Vice-Chair Los Angeles County Fish and Game Commission 500 West Temple Street, Room B-50 Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Dr. Aronberg, Mr. Hybarger and Commission Members:

It is with pleasure that I thank the Los Angeles County Fish and Game Commission for its \$2,500 temporary emergency grant to International Bird Rescue, and offer this report on the use of the funding by our Los Angeles Center as it faces a great influx of California Brown Pelicans.

This summer, record numbers of juvenile Brown Pelicans have been struggling to hunt and grounding themselves on beaches up and down the coast. The most disoriented fledglings are even heading inland, as far as the Mojave Desert, in search of food. These normally robust symbols of our coastline are pouring into our clinics weak and thin. Some are tangled in fishing tackle, pierced with fishing hooks, suffering from broken bones, or covered with fish oil from fish cleaning stations in harbors along the West Coast. So far this year, International Bird Rescue has cared for more than 650 California Brown Pelicans and well over 400 of these patients – mostly starving fledglings – have come through our doors in just the past month.

Each Pelican should consume half its bodyweight in food a day – for a youngster, that's about 4-5 pounds of fish – and with rehabilitation periods of several weeks to a month or more, the expenses of medicines, surgeries and food multiply quickly. As evidenced in the attached invoices, funding from the Los Angeles County Fish and Game Commission has been applied to help alleviate these extraordinary expenses, with \$2,408.90 spent on night smelt and the remaining \$91.10 used toward the purchase of sardines.

From the birds that we rescue during international oil spills to the patients in care at our Centers on a daily basis, our focus is always on the bird in front of us and what we can do to address its particular injury or illness. International Bird Rescue believes that every bird matters, and we are grateful that you share this conviction. It is support like yours that enables us to offer the treatment and rehabilitation needed to bring these birds back to the wild and give them a second chance to survive and thrive.

Thank you, again, for helping to keep International Bird Rescue prepared to respond whenever there are birds that need us.

With sincere appreciation.

No goods or services were provided by International Bird Rescue in exchange for this funding.

Paul Kelway
Executive Director
International Bird Rescue

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